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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 30, 2004 (Paper No. 12142004). Concurrently filed with this Amendment are annotated sheets for Figures 5, 12 and 14. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: